



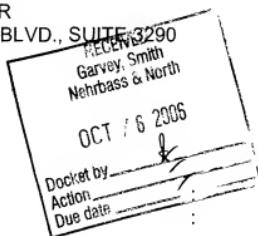
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Patent No. 5,164,623

Application No. 07/678,268

Filed: April 23, 1991

Issue Date: November 17, 1992

Title of Invention: INDEPENDENT-DRIVE
WHEEL FOR A WHEEL-MOUNTED VEHICLE

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This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed April 9, 2004 and the supplemental information provided on December 15, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.378(b), to reinstate the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued November 17, 1992. The 7.5 year maintenance fee could have been paid from November 17, 1999 to May 17, 2000, or with a surcharge during the period from May 18, 2000 to November 17, 2000. Petitioner did not do so. Accordingly, the patent expired November 18, 2000.

Petitioner has provided sufficient facts to establish unavoidable delay in paying the 7.5 year maintenance fee.

The maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Request for Information dated 20 October 2004.

Attached is a copy of the front page of the published PCT application of which the present U.S. patent issued on the national phase entry in the U.S. Listed as the agent (item 74) is the USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This indicates that Mr. Shkondin either signed a power of attorney naming The USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry as his agent, or he signed the PCT request listing The USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry as his agent (see PCT Rule 90.4: "Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (a) The appointment of an agent shall be effected by the applicant signing the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney."). Efforts to obtain a copy of the original PCT request or power of attorney have not been fruitful (please see the attached declaration of Chris Vaughan). Although we do not have access to the original files, in the USSR as in the USPTO, a listing of an agent on a published PCT application was an indication that the PCT office received adequate proof of the appointment of the agent by the applicant. Thus, the attached copy of the front page of the published PCT application is proof of the contractual obligation between Mr. Shkondin and the USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry (which later became Sojuzpatent, as stated in the

Declaration of Robert C. Walker dated 8 September 2003). Thus, the attached copy of the front page of the published PCT application is proof of the contractual obligation between Mr. Shkondin and Sojuzpatent.

The attached declaration of the European patent attorney for the inventor explains the origin of the additional letters about the Sojuzpatent/Gorodissky & Partners situation.

It is again respectfully requested that the 8-year maintenance fee be accepted, for the reasons previously presented.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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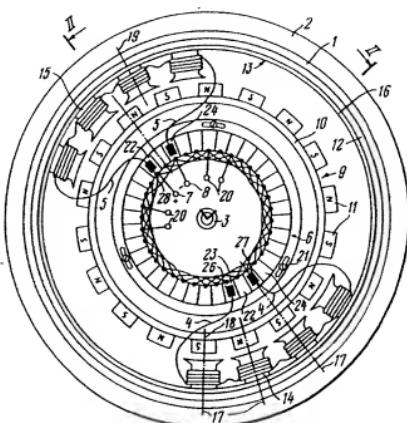
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Declaration of Christopher T. VAUGHAN

I am a European Patent Attorney and I work for Harrison Goddard Foote in Leeds, UK.

With regard to the correspondence from Gorodissky and Sojuzpatent regarding the unauthorised transfer of files, these are circulars that were sent to overseas patent attorneys (and also to CPA) by both Gorodissky and Sojuzpatent. The copies in my possession were in fact retrieved from Haseltine Lake in London. I recalled seeing copies of these while I was still working at Haseltine Lake back in 1999. On 11th February 2004, I sent an e-mail to my former colleague, Matthew Hitching at Haseltine Lake, asking if he could provide copies of the correspondence. Matthew then passed my request on to his colleague John Cheyne, and John then found the relevant correspondence and sent me hard copies on 12th February 2004.

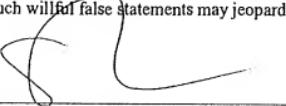
With regard to the Power of Attorney, I have asked Sojuzpatent to check their files and, if destroyed, to see if the Russian Patent Office can help. Attached is the correspondence that I have had with Sojuzpatent. There has been no reply to my fax of 2nd November 2004 and e-mail reminder of 18th November 2004.

I asked another associate in Moscow to visit the Russian Patent Office in order to check the files and archives so as to see if there is a copy of the power of attorney available. It was reported to me that the associate in Moscow called a number of the Patent Office officials trying to track down the file of the application. It was reported to me that the file is in the "remote" archive (in Siberia). It was reported to me that retrieving it will require one month minimum (most likely much longer).

It does not look hopeful that a copy of the power of attorney will be available, but I would like to emphasise that the cover sheet of the PCT application from which this US patent is derived clearly shows the USSR Chamber of Commerce & Industry (now

Sojuzpatent) as the authorised PCT representative of Mr Shkondin, which to my mind clearly establishes a contractual relationship.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.


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Subject: US Patent No 5,164,623; Independent-drive wheel for a wheel-mounted vehicle; Vasily SHKONDIN; Our Ref P103344US; Your Ref.

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Dear Dr Zalesov

Please see attached letter.

Best regards, Chris Vaughan



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Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

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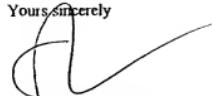
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Yours sincerely



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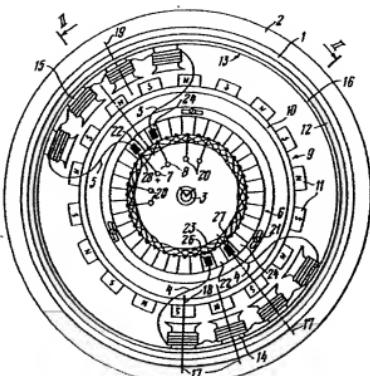
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Dear Mr. Vaughan,

Thank you for your letter of October 28, 2004.

We have checked our dockets and database. Unfortunately we have not found any information on the above case.

We have not any documents (including the POA) in our possession. We may only suppose that all materials are at the Gorodissky and partners but we have no direct indications of that.

A copy from the PCT prosecution file and the Receiving Office can be received only if we have valid Power of Attorney from the Applicant.

We regret for not being able to assist you in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Aleksey Zalesov, Ph.D.

Head of Legal Department
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Dear Sirs

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Vasily SHKONDIN

We represent Vasily Shkondin and the assignee in respect of the above patent, Ultra Motor Company Limited.

The US patent lapsed on 19th November 2000 through failure to pay a maintenance fee.

We understand that CPA was responsible for payment of maintenance fees, and that CPA was instructed by you to pay the first maintenance fee due by 17th May 1996. However, it would appear that this patent was one of those that was subject to an unauthorised transfer to Goroditsky & Partners in 1999, and that instructions were not received from Goroditsky & Partners to pay the maintenance fee due on 17th May 2000.

We are currently trying to restore the US patent, and we have been requested to provide evidence that there was a contractual relationship between your firm and Mr Shkondin in relation to US patent no 5,164,623, or at least in relation to International patent application no PCT/US90/06209 (WO 91/03385). Is it possible that you have a power of attorney that was signed by Mr Shkondin authorising you to act on his behalf? If so, please would you fax us a copy of this document.

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*** URGENT ENQUIRY ***

Dear Sirs

US Patent No 5,164,623
Independent-drive wheel for a wheel-mounted vehicle
Vasily SHKONDIN

We represent Vasily Shkondin and the assignee in respect of the above patent, Ultra Motor Company Limited.

The US patent lapsed on 19th November 2000 through failure to pay a maintenance fee.

We understand that CPA was responsible for payment of maintenance fees, and that CPA was instructed by you to pay the first maintenance fee due by 17th May 1996. However, it would appear that this patent was one of those that was subject to an unauthorised transfer to Gorodissky & Partners in 1999, and that instructions were not received from Gorodissky & Partners to pay the maintenance fee due on 17th May 2000.

We are currently trying to restore the US patent, and we have been requested to provide evidence that there was a contractual relationship between your firm and Mr Shkondin in relation to US patent no 5,164,623, or at least in relation to International patent application no PCT/US90/00209 (WO 91/03385). Is it possible that you have a power of attorney that was signed by Mr Shkondin authorising you to act on his behalf? If so, please would you fax us a copy of this document.

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If you have meanwhile destroyed your file, is it possible to obtain a copy of the PCT prosecution file from the Russian Patent Office (acting as Receiving Office)?

Please be assured that we do not consider you responsible for the lapse of the US patent – we are merely seeking your help in explaining to the US Patent Office the sequence of events.

Your urgent attention to this matter would be appreciated. We are happy to pay for your time and costs, within reason.

Yours faithfully



Christopher Vaughan
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This letter serves as a request for additional information prior to a final determination as to whether the late submission of the maintenance fee was unavoidably delayed.

Please submit a copy of the document/contract which establishes there was contractual obligation between Mr. Shkondin and Sojuzpatent.

On renewed petition, petitioner has provided additional copies of correspondence from Sojuzpatent and Gorodissky & Partners which appears to have been directed to patentee. A statement should be provided indicating who or what entity received this correspondence and what address the correspondence was mailed to. An indication as to when the correspondence was received should also be provided.

Petitioner should submit the above requested information within two months of the mail date of this request. The two month reply period is not extendable.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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Issued: 17 November 1992

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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: A03179US (98148.28)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

Attached are declarations of the current U.S. patent attorney for the inventor and the European patent attorney for the inventor. Attached to the second declaration are some additional letters about the Sojuzpatent / Gorodissky & Partners situation. As one can tell by reviewing these letters, and the Declaration of Robert C. Walker submitted previously, the present file was one of many that was wrongfully transferred from Sojuzpatent to Gorodissky & Partners.

The new declarations are being submitted to help explain why it took nine months after discovery of the expiration of the patent to file a petition.

As shown by the attached listing from esp@cenet, Mr. Shkondin is the applicant in over a dozen patent properties. Mr. Shkondin relied on Sojuzpatent to send him reminders, not only to pay fees. His different patent properties have different dates for payment of annuities and maintenance fees. It is respectfully submitted that it was reasonable for him to rely on Sojuzpatent to send him timely reminders. It is respectfully submitted that the political and business chaos existing in Russia around the collapse of the Soviet Union, a situation entirely beyond the control of Mr. Shkondin, was the proximate cause of the lapsing of the patent, as it facilitated the unauthorized takeover of Mr. Shkondin's file by Gorodissky & Partners. This

unauthorized takeover of Mr. Shkondin's file by Gorodissky & Partners prevented Sojuzpatent from reminding Mr. Shkondin of the deadline for paying the second maintenance fee, and thus caused the lapsing of his patent (please recall that Mr. Shkondin received a reminder about payment of the 4-year maintenance fee from Sojuzpatent and authorized payment of the 4-year maintenance fee through Sojuzpatent - the 4-year maintenance fee was then paid by CPA at the instruction of Sojuzpatent).

Sojuzpatent was contractually obligated to send reminders to Mr. Shkondin, but was unable to do so when its files for Mr. Shkondin were taken without authorization (and without the knowledge of Mr. Shkondin) by Gorodissky & Partners. Mr. Shkondin, with no knowledge of this hijacking of his files, had no reason to check on Sojuzpatent, as it had served him properly in the past.

The requirement of a showing of unavoidable delay does not mean that there was absolutely nothing that could have been done to avoid the delay, simply that the delay was legally considered to be unavoidable (specifically, that "reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely."). It is respectfully submitted that failure to timely pay a maintenance fee due to one's files being hijacked from one's chosen patent law firm in a country in the midst of political and business chaos after the breakdown of a decades old political system should be legally considered to be unavoidable delay.

This is not a situation where a law firm negligently failed to remind a patentee of a deadline. This is instead a situation where a law firm was unable to perform its duty to remind the patentee of the deadline because its files were hijacked by another firm. The patentee could not reasonably be expected to have anticipated this eventuality and to have planned for a backup system to overcome it. Thus, despite the fact that "reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely," circumstances beyond the control of Mr. Shkondin prevented that from occurring.

It is respectfully submitted that the attached declarations and letters, along with the prior declarations and attachments, are sufficient to show unavoidable delay, the steps taken to ensure timely payment, the date and manner in which the patentee was notified of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition timely.

The case of RAY v. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, 55 F.3d

606, 34 U.S.P.Q.2D 1786 (Fed. Cir. 1995) is distinguishable from the present situation. In that case, the patent holder apparently moved without giving his patent agent his new address, and thus a notice regarding his patent maintenance fee did not reach him. In the present situation, the patent holder's file was taken without authorization from his chosen representative, thus preventing the representative from contacting him with reminders, and the unauthorized taker of the file did not send him reminders. Mr. Shkondin hired a firm to timely remind him of maintenance fees, this firm performed properly for the first fee, so Mr. Shkondin was reasonable to believe that he would be reminded by this firm in the future. Thus, despite the fact that "reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely," unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Mr. Shkondin prevented that from occurring.

It is again respectfully requested that the 8-year maintenance fee be accepted.

Attached is a check for \$130 for the petition fee for filing the current request.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



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FOR: "Independent-drive wheel for a wheel-mounted vehicle"

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: A03179US (98148.28)

Declaration of Seth M. NEHRBASS, Patent Attorney

I am a registered patent attorney working for the inventor and owner of the above-referenced patent.

On 17 December 2002 I was contacted by Chris VAUGHAN, European Patent Attorney and European patent counsel for the inventor and owner of the above-referenced patent. He asked me to try to find out whether the 8-year maintenance fee had been timely paid in the above-referenced patent. I called the USPTO hotline for patent maintenance fees, but it was not working. After a few attempts over a few days, on 19 December 2002 the hotline worked and I discovered that the 8-year maintenance fee had not been timely paid in the above-referenced patent. On that date, I sent an e-mail message to Chris VAUGHAN with that information. I understand that Chris VAUGHAN then passed this information on to the inventor, Vasily V. SHKONDIN.

On 24 January 2003 I was contacted by e-mail by Chris VAUGHAN about the level of proof to revive the patent and for help with trying to contact someone at Burgess, Ryan & Wayne. On 29 January 2003 I responded by e-mail, answering his questions.

On or about 14 August 2003 I received a copy of a letter from Mr. Robert Walker of CPA about the patent and questions from Chris VAUGHAN about the chance of having the patent revived.

On 19 August 2003 I sent a reply to Chris VAUGHAN's questions. He and I exchanged more e-mail messages that day regarding this issue.

On 4 September 2003 I was instructed by Chris VAUGHAN to prepare draft declarations needed for the petition to accept late payment.

On 4 September 2003 I sent an e-mail message to Robert WALKER of CPA, and draft declarations of Mr. WALKER and Mr. SHKONDIN to Chris VAUGHAN.

On 8 September 2003 I sent an e-mail message to Robert WALKER regarding Mr. WALKER's declaration.

On 9 September 2003 I corresponded by e-mail with Robert WALKER regarding Mr. WALKER's declaration.

On 1 October 2003, I received from Chris VAUGHAN Mr. SHKONDIN's declaration and instructions to file a petition to revive the patent.

On 3 October 2003 I received a power of attorney for this patent and filed the Petition.

On 2 April 2004, I spoke with Mr. Milton WAYNE, who at one time worked for Burgess, Ryan & Wayne (I obtained Mr. WAYNE's telephone number from Mr. MORAN, another former member of Burgess, Ryan & Wayne). I understand that Burgess, Ryan & Wayne is no longer in business. Mr. WAYNE had no personal recollection of U.S. Patent No. 5,164,623, but he did recall his firm's policy regarding Sojuzpatent and maintenance fees. He told me that his firm's policy was that when CPA took over docketing and payment of maintenance fees for Sojuzpatent, his firm ceased docketing maintenance fees for Sojuzpatent. Thus, his firm would not have sent reminders to Sojuzpatent or Mr. SHKONDIN.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

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Declaration of Christopher T. VAUGHAN

I am a European Patent Attorney and I work for Harrison Goddard Foote in Leeds, UK.

On or about 4 November 2002, my client, Flintstone plc, informed me that it was interested in working with Mr. Vasily Shkondin in order to commercialise various of Mr Shkondin's inventions relating to electric motor wheels, and provided me with a list of related patents and patent applications, including United States Patent No. 5,164,623 (hereinafter "the Patent"). I was asked to await further instructions before proceeding with a formal review of the patents and patent applications. On or about 17 December 2002, I received instructions to proceed with the formal review. In the process of preparing the review, I tried to ascertain the status of the Patent by referring to the USPTO website, but the information provided on the website was not conclusive as to whether the Patent was in force or not.

I therefore, on 17 December 2002, contacted Seth Nehrbass, a US Patent Attorney with whom I work on various patent applications and patents. I asked him to investigate the status of the Patent.

On 19 December 2002 Seth Nehrbass reported to me that the USPTO hotline indicated

that the patent expired on 19 November 2000 for failure to pay a maintenance fee.

Between 19 December 2002 and 24 January 2003 I conducted research regarding United States Patent No. 5,164,623. I learned that Burgess, Ryan & Wayne was no longer in business. I called the number listed at the USPTO for Mr. Milton Wayne of Burgess, Ryan & Wayne, but the number did not work.

On 24 January 2003 I contacted Seth Nehrbass by e-mail to ask him about the level of proof to revive the patent and help with trying to contact someone at Burgess, Ryan & Wayne. On 29 January 2003 Seth Nehrbass responded by e-mail, answering my questions.

Between 29 January 2003 and 12 August 2003, my client Flintstone plc continued negotiating with Mr Shkondin, and set up a new legal entity "Ultra Motor Company Limited" as a vehicle for commercialising Mr Shkondin's electric motor wheel inventions. These negotiations were complicated by the fact that the parties desired Mr Shkondin, a Russian citizen, to be an executive of Ultra Motor Company Limited, a UK legal entity. Additionally, a significant amount of time was spent on investigating patents and patent applications filed by a third party entity, Wavecrest Laboratories LLC, which is a direct competitor of my client. Upon completion of these investigations and the successful formation of Ultra Motor Company Limited, I was authorised to incur the costs associated in seeking reinstatement of the Patent and to arrange for assignment of the Patent from Mr Shkondin to Ultra Motor Company Limited.

On or about 12 August 2003 I sent a fax to CPA asking for information about the file of the Patent.

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having the Patent revived.

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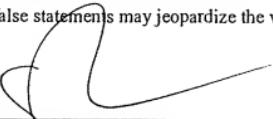
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I have reviewed all papers filed in connection with the original petition to accept late payment. I attach some additional information about the Sojuzpatent / Gorodissky & Partners situation which I have obtained.

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To whom it may concern

Dear Sirs,

We regret to be forced to once again draw your kind attention to the problem Sojuzpatent/Gorodissky & Partners, due to the fact that we have certain evidences of unceasing attempts of the latter to lead our clients astray. At the same time on our being confident that you have sufficient information to make a sound decision, we promise not to disturb you any more.

Please, be advised that our entire previous information on this matter is impartial and true in all aspects. On the other hand we dispose of evidences of barefaced slander and attempt to mislead our clients from the part of Gorodissky & Partners. Some of the examples are attached herewith.

We are not going to follow Gorodissky & Partners and compete with them in the field in which they are apparently stronger.

However, we wish to inform our clients on some advantages of Sojuzpatent.

1. From professional point of view the specialists of Sojuzpatent have the highest qualification and extensive practical experience. Our biotech specialists, for instance, are recognized authorities in their field. You ought to be advised that all biotech specialists who all along have handled your cases are with Sojuzpatent although the bulk of the cases is still kept by Gorodissky & Partners and after they had been carried away without authority. The list of our group of chemistry and biotechnology is enclosed.
2. The management of our company has been radically changed. In contrast to the "old" Sojuzpatent and Gorodissky & Partners we do not have administrative bureaucracy: every patent attorney is entirely responsible in front of the clients and the head of Sojuzpatent for the cases handled by him and signs up his correspondence on his own. This enabled us not only to improve the quality of our services but also to lower their cost.

3. Our prices are considerably reduced and we are open to discuss special arrangements depending on the conditions of our cooperation.
4. We can provide our clients with efficient assistance in case of possible infringement of their patent rights or trademark counterfeits. For the said purposes we use 144 regional divisions of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) all over the Russian Federation and the Business Security Division of the CCI with its regional representatives.

Please, note, that Sojuzpatent has *never* been privatized and therefore has *no* legal successors. The new management of Sojuzpatent (Leonid V. Dmitrovsky was appointed to be the Managing Director on March 22, 1999) exerted every effort to hinder court prosecution of the management of the "old" Sojuzpatent from the part of the CCI for unauthorized business transfer since being one of the deputy directors of Sojuzpatent (from 1968 till 1987) he realized the consequences for the clients, which inevitably would have been related with the involvement of their cases in the court proceedings.

However our clients should also know that potentially a danger of this kind still exists for them. Why? All the patent and trademark cases once sent to Sojuzpatent (Iliinka 5/2, Moscow) also contained the Powers of Attorney in the name of Sojuzpatent. It seems unnecessary to explain that all these cases legally belong to Sojuzpatent in the capacity of its documentary property. Therefore, in case of court dispute with Sojuzpatent's former management the cases currently at Gorodissky & Partners to the great extent maybe involved in court proceedings in the capacity of evidences with all the ensuing consequences.

On the other hand there are quite a number of specialists of the "old" Sojuzpatent who were forced to pass to Sojuzpatent Ltd. in November 1998 and now are having desire to return to alma mater. But alongside they are not permitted to take along the cases they have been handling from the very beginning. They put a question whether they can count on your consent to keep the files they handle if they join Sojuzpatent? If this as such finds your preliminary approval you will be sent the information on each patent attorney together with the list of his cases.

We are looking forward to receiving your reply to the above question,

Yours sincerely,


Leonid V. Dmitrovsky

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Dear Mr. Knox!

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 21, 1999 and confirm that in accordance with your instructions all the cases you mentioned in your letter are placed under the control of Sojuzpatent.

Respecting your choice of Patent agents in Russia I still would like for the sake of clarity and honesty to emphasize once again that this Sojuzpatent is a newly founded organization having nothing in common with previous Sojuzpatent, now renamed as "Gorodissky & Partners". It is our previous Sojuzpatent who just produced original Powers of Attorney you mentioned in your letter.

The new organization Sojuzpatent continues to be the property of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry which fact was for many years a serious drawback for our Sojuzpatent. IP profession requires to be independent and private and now we succeeded to be like firms of Patent agents in other countries.

Our remark:

"This" Sojuzpatent (Ilinka 5/2)
 never ceased to exist as legal
 entity. Original Powers of Attorney
 contain Sojuzpatent 5/2 Ilinka

Yours sincerely,

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Date 28/06/1999

Dear Sirs,

Further to our letters dated the 27th May 1999 and the 17th June 1999 concerning our further prosecution of your applications previously entrusted us by you we are sorry to trouble you once again.

We were informed by the Russian Patent Office that they received the letters from the new "Sojuzpatent" requesting to change the name and address of Patent Attorney responsible for applications.

The Patent Office certainly rejected such requests as a new Power of Attorney is not submitted.

In this connection we would like to draw your attention to the fact that "Gorodissky & Partners" are a successor of the original "Sojuzpatent" and "Sojuzpatent Ltd" and therefore all Power of Attorney previously made in our favour are still valid.

New Power of Attorney are necessary only if applications are transferred to a new firm.

Apart from your general instructions on all your cases we are looking forward to your instructions in respect of Russian Patent application No 97106509 (curef 2413-116898.607) as we have also received the Official Action issued by the Russian Patent Office.

We would be happy to send it to you after your confirmation to the new "Sojuzpatent" that you entrust to "Gorodissky & Partners" the further prosecution of your cases.

Apoloizing for inconvenience caused by our reorganization.

Our remark:

1. Wrong.
2. Sojuzpatent (Ilinka 5/2) had and has no legal successors at all.
3. Gorodissky & Partners (successor of Sojuzpatent Ltd.) is a new firm. Thus it must have new Powers of Attorney to represent clients before the Russian and Eurasian Patent Offices.
4. Sent to Gorodissky & Partners in error.

Yours sincerely,

Valery Medvedev
 Managing Director

Val. Medvedev

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To whom it may concern

Re: Change of address

Dear Sirs,

We are very pleased to announce that from March 1, 1998 our office will be moving to new premises to offer a better service to our clients.

Regarding quality, "Sojuzpatent" has been ranked by the "Managing Intellectual Property" journal as the first firm in Eastern Europe for patents and trademarks in 1997.

Therefore, we would appreciate if you put into your records our new location, numbers of telecopiers and phone.

Our new address is:

Bolshaya Sennaya Str., 25 strumka 3.

Moscow 129010, Russia

New phone: (095) 937 61 16

New fax: (095) 937 61 04; 937 61 23

If your correspondence will be still forwarded to our former address we assure you that it will be duly treated by us and said move will not have an effect on our relationship. For some time you will be able to reach us at both addresses including the former numbers of telecopiers and phones.

With best regards,

yours sincerely,

Val. Medvedev

Valery Medvedev
Deputy Director General

Our remark:
Sojuzpatent never changed
its address (Ilinka 5/2)

May 11, 1999

Re: Sojuzpatent / Gorodissky & Partners relationship.

Dear Sirs,

In our previous correspondence on the above matter we have tried to give our clients some brief information about what really had happened. Numerous subsequent enquiries prove a good number of our associates are still in confusion to evaluate the situation and take appropriate steps.

For the sake of objectivity we outline the course of events in chronological order.

September 1997: Mr. V. Medvedev, deputy general director of Sojuzpatent of the Russian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) (old "Sojuzpatent"), registers a private firm "Sojuzpatent Ltd", the CCI, the owner of registered name "Sojuzpatent", being unaware of that fact.

Winter 1997: A circular letter, signed by Mr. V. Medvedev, informs that "from March 1, 1998 Sojuzpatent will be moving to new premises".

March 1998: Filing division of old "Sojuzpatent" moves to the new address (Bolshaya Spasskaya 25/3) and from then on receives and handles all new orders that are sent directed by clients to Sojuzpatent (Iliinka 5/2). The rest staff remains sitting at the old address till November.

Clients were unaware of the existence of two different firms and continued sending their filing orders to the old "Sojuzpatent". These orders, however, had been dealt with by a different firm.

September 1998: Chief accountant of Sojuzpatent Ltd sends out a circular (Sojuzpatent headline) advising about new bank accounts.

November 1998: Mr. V. Medvedev informs that "Sojuzpatent Ltd as a private IP firm has completed its formation" and that the staff of Sojuzpatent (Iliinka 5/2) has moved to and joined "Sojuzpatent Ltd" (Bolshaya Spasskaja 25/3).

In fact, the old Sojuzpatent's employees are persuaded into doing what they really do not want: to apply for a job at Sojuzpatent Ltd or to find themselves on the street, to carry away with themselves patent and trademark files without preliminary informing and receiving consent of foreign and domestic clients.

By the end of November the business transfer (job, staff and money) from "Sojuzpatent of the CCI" to "Sojuzpatent Ltd" is completed.

A circular letter is sent out requesting the clients of consent to handle the Intellectual Property cases within "Sojuzpatent Ltd".

The CCI, being presented with a fait accompli, looks for measures to restore its violated rights including litigation.

January 1999: Mr. Gorodissky, Mr. Medvedev, Mr. Shalichov (former chief accountant of old "Sojuzpatent") and two former deputy directors of "Sojuzpatent" register a private firm "Gorodissky & Partners" and announce that "Sojuzpatent Ltd" has changed its name to "Gorodissky & Partners, Ltd" and became independent.

March 1999: The CCI invites Mr. L. Dmitrovsky (former deputy Mr. Gorodissky from 1968 till 1987) and appoints him in charge of "Sojuzpatent".

As a result of lengthy negotiations with the management of "Gorodissky & Partners, Ltd" out of court settlement is found. Whereupon some specialists of former "Sojuzpatent" choose "Sojuzpatent" and come back with the cases they have been handling. Some other await the client's reaction on the issue.

Thus, "Sojuzpatent" continues its intellectual property work being as before a professionally independent body corporate.

Our staff consists of former associates who are completely fit to represent and prosecute our clients' cases in the best possible way either in the Russian or in the Eurasian Patent Offices (five of our patent attorneys have both qualifications). Recently a former judge of the High Patent Chamber has joined us.

There is an agreement between two Offices that the process of cases transfer between "Gorodissky & Partners" and "Sojuzpatent" shall not affect our client's interests. If required, new Power of Attorneys can be filed without extra expenses for our clients.

However, we have to draw your attention to the fact that account matters between "Sojuzpatent" and "Gorodissky & Partners" are not yet settled. The latter owes us a considerable amount. Although "Gorodissky & Partners" has started to pay off we do not exclude any possibility of taking the problem to court.

To make our life easier please pay all outstanding debit-notes issued by "Sojuzpatent" (Iliinka 5/2) in the past or now only to us directly.

On the other hand we need an update statement of account in respect of unpaid debit-notes of "Sojuzpatent".

All payments due to "Sojuzpatent" are to be effected in USD to our account in Commercial Bank "Platina" with the following requisites:

Beneficiary: "Sojuzpatent"

Bank "PLATINA", account No. 4070384090000000013, SWIFT: PLATRUMM,
corr. account No. 04-400-765 with Bankers Trust Company, New York, USA,
SWIFT: BKTRUS 33.

You can also provide payments by checks, which should be sent to our office by the following address:

"Sojuzpatent" 5/2, Iliinka Str., Moscow 103735, Russia.

We hope our information will help you to evaluate the situation and make your decision.

Looking forward to continue our cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



Leonid V. Dmitrovsky
Managing Director

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Signatory's position (in case of legal entity)

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April 22, 1999

Re: Authorization to "Gorodissky & Partners"

Dear Sirs.

With reference to our circular April, 1999 letter and in order to have a clarity in our further relationship we would appreciate it if you confirm that all your old and current patent and trademark cases previously entrusted to our firm will be handled by "Gorodissky & Partners". This will allow us to provide smooth and efficient prosecution of your pending IP cases.

Please send us your correspondence strictly to our new address indicating our new name "Gorodissky & Partners".

If you have additional questions in this issue please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to hearing your confirmation by return fax.

Yours sincerely

Val Medvedev
Valery Medvedev
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Enclosure: Letter of April, 1999

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April, 1999

Dear Sirs,

Referring to our previous correspondence of November 26, 1998 about a formation of "Sojuzpatent Ltd." as a fully private and independent office and February, 1999 about a new name of our firm "Gorodissky & Partners", Ltd., we would like to advise you that the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) has decided to resume an IP activity through its Subdivision – (VP) "Sojuzpatent".

Five patent attorneys (Vysotskaya N.N., Yatrova L.I., Agureev A.P., Ivanova O.F., Silaeva A.A.) and three trademark attorneys (Isaev A.E., Felitsina S.B., Golyshko N.T.) of seventy patent and trademark attorneys of "Gorodissky & Partners" have left our office and moved to (VP) "Sojuzpatent" of the CCI. All partners and senior personnel of our firm are with "Gorodissky & Partners" whose total staff is 210 people now.

We assume that said eight attorneys will make a request to you to authorize them to further handle your IP cases to which they had a relation.

We would appreciate it if you coordinate with us a further representation with the respect to your IP cases since they have been prosecuted by not only said eight attorneys but also other patent and trademark attorneys of "Gorodissky & Partners".

We look forward to a continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Valery Medvedev
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To whom it may concern

Re: Change of Name

February 1999

Dear Sirs,

We are pleased to announce that our office "Sojuzpatent Ltd." has changed its name to - Gorodissky & Partners, Ltd.

Our mailing address, fax and phone numbers remain unchanged, namely:

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(please check your files for the accuracy of records)

Our Banks are Deutsche Bank and Banque Societe Generale requisites of which are indicated in our invoices.

There are several reasons why we have changed our name.

First, we have brought our legal status in conformity with the acting new Civil Code of the Russian Federation and the Statute of Russian Patent Attorneys. We have become a private and independent IP firm moved to a new state-of-the-art building and wholly kept our staff of about 230 people including 70 patent and trademark attorneys.

Secondly, we feel that the time has come to pay a tribute to a person - Dr. Mikhail Gorodissky, who is the founder of our firm and has been leading the firm for more than 35 years.

We wish to assure all of our clients and associates that Gorodissky & Partners, Ltd. will keep the meaning of high responsibility and quality of our legal services.

We were glad to assist you in the past and will do so in future.

Yours sincerely,

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Application No. 07/678,268
Filed: April 23, 1991
Issue Date: November 17, 1992
Title of Invention: INDEPENDENT-DRIVE
WHEEL FOR A WHEEL-MOUNTED VEHICLE

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This is a decision on the petition filed October 9, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.378(b), to accept the unavoidably delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The patent issued November 17, 1992. The 7.5 year maintenance fee could have been paid from November 17, 1999 to May 17, 2000, or with a surcharge during the period from May 18, 2000 to November 17, 2000. Petitioner did not do so. Accordingly, the patent expired November 18, 2000.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) must be accompanied by a showing to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the entire delay in paying the required maintenance fee from the due date for the fee until the filing of grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unavoidable.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(b) a petition to accept an unavoidably delayed payment of a maintenance fee must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20 (e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(l)(1); and
- (3) A showing that the delay was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that the petition was filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The showing must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

As to item (3), the showing of record is not sufficient to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that delay was unavoidable within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.378(b).

The general standard applied by the Office requires petitioner to establish that

petitioner treated the patent the same as a reasonable and prudent person would treat his or her most important business.¹ However, "The question of whether an applicant's delay in prosecuting an application was unavoidable [will] be decided on a case by case basis, taking all of the facts and circumstances into account."² Nonawareness of the content of, or misunderstanding of PTO statutes, PTO rules, the MPEP or Official Gazette notices, do not constitute unavoidable delay.³ The statute requires a "showing" by petitioner. Therefore, petitioner has the burden of proof.

Application of the unavoidable standard to the present facts

Petitioner contends the 7.5 year maintenance fee was unavoidably delayed because he did not receive a reminder from Sojuzpatent the entity charged with making maintenance fee payments. Petitioner insist that there were steps in place to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee. The first maintenance fee was timely submitted because Sojuzpatent sent patentee a reminder when the 3.5 year maintenance fee was due and in turn patentee authorized payment of the maintenance fee which was made through Computer Patent Annuities Limited Partnership (CPA). Petitioner contends he learned the 7.5 year maintenance fee had not been paid on or about December 19, 2002. Upon the discovery the patent was expired, an investigation into the matter showed patentee did not receive a renewal notice because responsibility to pay the maintenance fee had been shifted unbeknownst to patentee to Gorodissky & Partners. Petitioner contends that Gorodissky and his partners took over the patent files previously held by Sojuzpatent. Petitioner further states he was not aware the patent had not been maintained and upon discovery the instant petition was filed.

Petitioner's argument have been considered but have been deemed not to rise to the level of unavoidable delay. Petitioner has presented a situation where there was a failure to monitor the performance of Sojuzpatent the entity responsible for paying the maintenance fee. Furthermore there is a showing of failure to inquire of the U.S. Law Firm Burgess, Ryan and Wayne (the firm who handled prosecution of the application) and the Patent and Trademark Office as to the status of the patent and maintenance fee payment. The facts indicate there was a contractual obligation between patentee and Sojuzpatent. However, a prudent and careful person with respect to their most important business would ensure that contracted services are timely performed. Thus, patentee should have confirmed the maintenance fee was timely submitted. Furthermore, this patent has been expired since November 18, 2000 and there is no indication as to why patentee did not inquire into the status until Mid December of 2002. As such petitioner has not provided sufficient evidence of unavoidable delay.

¹ The Commissioner is responsible for determining the standard for unavoidable delay and for applying that standard 35 U.S.C. 41(c)(1) states, "The Commissioner may accept the payment of any maintenance fee...at any time...if the delay is shown to the *satisfaction of the Commissioner* to have been unavoidable (emphasis added).

² Smith v. Mossinghoff, 671 F.2d 533,538, 213 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 977 (1982).

³ Smith v. Mossinghoff, 671 F.2d 533,538, 213 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 977 (1982). (citing Potter v. Dann, 201 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 574 (D.C. 1978) for the proposition that counsel's nonawareness of PTO rules does not constitute unavoidable delay); Vincent v. Mossinghoff, 1985 U.S. Dist. Lexis 23119, 13 230 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 621 (D.C. 1985) (Plaintiffs through their counsel's actions or their own must be held responsible for having noted the MPEP section and Official Gazette notices expressly stating that the certified mailing procedures outlined in 37 CFR 1.8(a) do not apply to continuation applications).

The Declaration of Robert Walker a European Patent Attorney and employee of CPA , state the delay in timely payment of the second maintenance fee was due to a takeover of Sojuzpatent Ltd by Gorodissky and Partners. The Walker declaration further states although reminders of the second maintenance fee were sent to Gorodissky and Partners on at least four separate occasions, CPA never received authorization to pay the second maintenance fee. The implication of the Walker declaration and the declaration of Patentee implies the takeover was unauthorized and done without the knowledge of the patentee evidence of such wrong doing has not been provided. If Gorodissky was obligated to obtain the approval of transfer of files and responsibilities from Sojuzpatent such statements must be provided as well as any evidence to that effect. Nor is there any indication that the transfer of this patent was the result of any wrong doing. Allegations of the wrongful transfer of the patent to Gorodissky and Partners must be substantiated with evidence.⁴

Ultimately, patentee contends he did not select Gorodissky to be his representative and because he did not receive a reminder notice from Gorodissky he failed to authorize payment of the maintenance fee. Patentee's reliance on an entity (Sojuzpatent, Gorodissky, attorney or CPA) to notify patentee of relevant legal requirements such as the maintenance fee due dates does not necessarily constitute unavoidable delay. As the facts currently stand it appears that Gorodissky took over (from Sojuzpatent) the responsibility for the above-identified patent and Gorodissky as petitioner's representative failed to send a maintenance fee reminder and thus petitioner did not authorize the maintenance fee payment. However, petitioner is bound by the actions or inactions of his representative. See Link v. Wabash Railroad Co., 370 U.S. 626 (1962). Thus, petitioner's argument must fail.

Any renewed petition will also need to provide an explanation as to why it took nine months after discovery of the expiration of the patent to file a petition.

The change of address submitted with the petition has been entered and made of record.

Petitioner's current options

I. Petitioner may file a request for reconsideration.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this decision. Any such petition for reconsideration must be accompanied by the \$130 petition fee set forth in §1.17(h). After decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Commissioner. Accordingly, on request for reconsideration, it is extremely important the petitioner supply any and all relevant information and documentation in order to meet his burden of showing unavoidable delay. This includes statements by all persons with direct knowledge of the cause of the delay, setting forth the facts as they know them.

II. Petitioner may request a refund of the maintenance fee and surcharge which accompanied the petition.

Petitioner may a request a refund of the maintenance fee and surcharge by writing to

⁴ It should be noted mere negligence will not cause the court to not bind the patentee to his representatives actions or inactions. Courts have looked for gross negligence. See. Haines v. Quigle , 673 F. Supp 314 , 317.

the Office of Finance, Refund Section Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. A copy of this decision should accompany petitioner's request.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Applicant: Vasily V. SHKONDIN
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Patent No.: 5,164,623
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5,164,623
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Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g).

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

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Seth M. Nehrbass, Patent Attorney
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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Please see attached showing of unavoidable delay.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Vasily V. Shkondin
Issued: November 17, 1992
Pat. No.: 5,164,623
For: "INDEPENDENT-DRIVE WHEEL FOR A WHEEL-MOUNTED VEHICLE"
Atty File: A03179US (98148.28)

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The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney and appoints the following to maintain this patent and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Date: 2.10.2003


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FOR: "Independent-drive wheel for a wheel-mounted vehicle"

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SHOWING OF UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

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Sir:

Attached are declarations of the inventor, a patent attorney with the maintenance fee paying organization tasked with paying maintenance fees for this patent, and the current U.S. patent attorney for the inventor.

The declarations are believed to be sufficient to show unavoidable delay, the steps taken to ensure timely payment, the date and manner in which the patentee was notified of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition timely. Specifically, around the time of the collapse of the Soviet Union there were political and business changes in Russia which created chaos. The firm which the inventor entrusted with paying the maintenance fee underwent changes, and somehow apparently the above-referenced patent got lost in the shuffle, through no fault of the inventor.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Declaration of Seth M. NEHRBASS, Patent Attorney

I am a registered patent attorney working for the inventor and owner of the above-referenced patent.

On 17 December 2002 I was contacted by Chris VAUGHAN, European Patent Attorney and European patent counsel for the inventor and owner of the above-referenced patent. He asked me to try to find out whether the 8-year maintenance fee had been timely paid in the above-referenced patent. I called the USPTO hotline for patent maintenance fees, but it was not working. After a few attempts over a few days, on 19 December 2002 the hotline worked and I discovered that the 8-year maintenance fee had not been timely paid in the above-referenced patent. On that date, I sent an e-mail message to Chris VAUGHAN with that information. I understand that Chris VAUGHAN then passed this information on to the inventor, Vasily V. SHKONDIN.

We have since been investigating why the 8-year maintenance fee had not been timely paid, and whether it would be possible to pay the fee late. On or about 8 September 2003 I received the attached declaration of Robert Walker, and on 1 October 2003 I received the attached declaration of the inventor.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine

or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

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Declaration of Vasily V. SHKONDIN

I am the inventor and owner of the above-referenced patent.

I received a reminder about payment of the 4-year maintenance fee from Sojuzpatent. I authorized payment of the 4-year maintenance fee through Sojuzpatent. I understand now that the 4-year maintenance fee was paid by CPA at the instruction of Sojuzpatent.

I understood that Sojuzpatent would send me a reminder regarding future maintenance fees, as Sojuzpatent represented me in patent matters.

Unfortunately, I never received any renewal reminders in relation to the 8-year maintenance fee from Sojuzpatent.

I have since learned (on or about 19 December 2002) that the above-referenced patent lapsed on 19 November 2000 for failure to pay the 8-year maintenance fee. Patent attorneys have been engaged on my behalf in Europe and in the United States to investigate what happened and whether the patent could be revived. After much investigation, it appears that the reason I did not receive a renewal reminder is that, without my authorization or knowledge, responsibility for payment of maintenance fees for my above-referenced patent was shifted from Sojuzpatent to

Gorodissky & Partners (please see the accompanying Declaration of Robert C. WALKER for more details).

I did not deliberately allow my patent to lapse. The lapsing of my patent was unavoidable. I understood that Sojuzpatent, who I had engaged to handle my patent matters, would timely remind me of due dates for my 8-year and 12-year maintenance fees, as it had for my 4-year maintenance fee.

Though Gorodissky & Partners took over my patent file without my knowledge or consent, I did not receive any renewal reminders in relation to the 8-year maintenance fee from Gorodissky & Partners.

I did not deliberately delay in paying the 8-year maintenance fee. Since I learned of the failure to timely pay the fee, I have worked to determine whether the fee could be paid late and what steps must be taken to pay the fee late. I would like for the 8-year maintenance fee to be accepted at this time.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

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Declaration of Robert C. WALKER

I am a European Patent Attorney and I have worked for Computer Patent Annuities Limited Partnership (sometimes hereafter CPA) in Jersey, Channel Islands since 1978.

All computer processing for CPA is done here in Jersey.

I am familiar with the history of United States Patent No. 5,164,623.

By way of general background, some 20 years ago CPA negotiated with the Patent Department of the USSR Chamber of Commerce & Industry to become that organisation's sole agent of payment for annuities on granted patents throughout the world, and this resulted in several thousand patents being entrusted to CPA. The method of transfer of data was for the Chamber of Commerce to write to their foreign associates and request them to complete a special schedule of all granted patents which they should send to CPA. We then entered all the granted patents in our records with the Chamber of Commerce as our client, but carrying the identity of the foreign agent that had sent us the details.

Around 1989, the Patent Department of the USSR Chamber of Commerce adopted the trading title Sojuzpatent. Around 1998 there was firstly a change of name announced to

Sojuzpatent Ltd, everyone was then advised of a change of the address of Sojuzpatent Ltd, and subsequently of a change of name to Gorodissky & Partners Ltd. As became evident in due course, this sequence of changes was not actually initiated by the Chamber of Commerce, but was rather a take-over of work and files by Mr Gorodissky and his partners who had moved away from Sojuzpatent. By the time that this became apparent however, virtually all files for both domestic and foreign cases previously handled by Sojuzpatent ended up with Gorodissky.

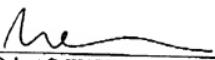
In accordance with the standing instructions established by the USSR Chamber of Commerce and carried on for Sojuzpatent and then Gorodissky, the US patent attorney firm Burgess, Ryan & Wayne (the firm which prosecuted the above-referenced patent in the US) sent details to CPA of this patent after it was granted and CPA was appointed as the fee address. Instructions were received in timely fashion from Sojuzpatent to pay the first maintenance fee due 17 May 1996. Reminders were sent to Gorodissky for the second maintenance fee due 17 May 2000, but no instructions were received and the patent was allowed to lapse. The reminders (copies attached) were sent to Gorodissky on 23 January, 23 March, 23 May and 24 September 2000. In addition, a copy of the USPTO maintenance fee reminder CPA received mentioning this patent was sent to Gorodissky with a letter dated 6 July 2000, and a copy of the USPTO notice of patent expiration was sent to Gorodissky on 30 January 2001.

It is not at all unusual for CPA to fail to receive instructions from Gorodissky. CPA has no record of any instructions to write on this patent to either Sojuzpatent, which in 1999 revived its own practice and retrieved some clients for both domestic and foreign patenting activity, or Mr Shkondin himself or any other agent. Whilst the default situation because of the circumstances explained above was that all cases previously handled for Sojuzpatent were

subsequently handled for Gorodissky, specific instructions were received from various Russian entities to write to them direct, or to write to their designated agents, and many instructions were received from Sojuzpatent, but it was quite commonplace for no instructions to be received at all. Most patents that we previously handled as a result of our arrangements with the USSR Chamber of Commerce & Industry have been removed from our records and noted as lapsed, so that we now only deal with approximately 200 cases.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

8 September 2003
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